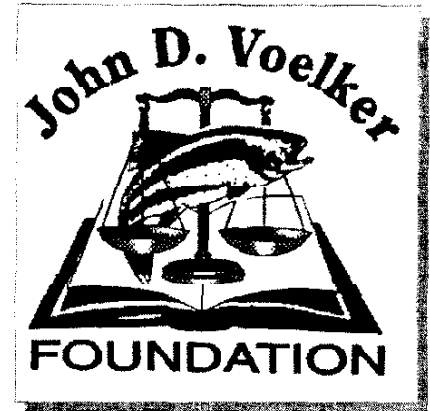


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The Voelker Foundation is pleased to support Regional Land Use Projects.

Following is the article by Helen Taylor of The Nature Conservancy and Governor John Engler, entitled "Public-private deal will save U.P. land." The prime land mentioned in the article consists of 390,000 acres in the U.P, surrounds more than 130 inland lakes and stretches over 10 Michigan Counties. This Nature Conservancy and State of Michigan initiative will:

" . . . protect private forestland and keep the land open to the public forever. This collaborative approach has been proven successful in New York and New Hampshire, where a mix of private and public funding purchased a working easement on the property."

Public-private deal will save U.P. land

By John Engler
and Helen Taylor

GUEST COMMENTARY

A world-renowned writer and Michigan Supreme Court Justice, John Voelker is probably best remembered for his thriller "Anatomy of a Murder." But conservationists love Voelker for his writing that captures the spirit of Michigan's incredible Upper Peninsula. For example, in "Testament of a Fisherman," Voelker wrote:

"I fish because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful...because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience; because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip, because mercifully there are no telephones on trout water; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness."

Today, a cell phone could shatter the stillness of a trout stream, but Michigan continues to be blessed with unmatched natural beauty and a treasure trove of wildlife, forests, lakes and rivers. It is our duty to make sure this incredible heritage remains available for future generations to love and enjoy the way John Voelker did for so many years.

Certainly, the Upper Peninsula represents some of the most beautiful parts of our state. Currently for sale are 390,000

acres of prime U.P. land, some of the best our state has to offer in natural beauty, timber and recreational opportunities. Included in the sale are two and-one-half miles of Lake Superior shoreline, thousands of acres of commercial forestland, and much or all of the property surrounding more than 100 inland lakes.

purchased a working easement on the property.

Under this type of easement, the land can continue to be worked for timber and kept open for public use. What makes this type of easement so successful?

It keeps about 90 percent of the land in private ownership and paying local property taxes, while ensuring permanent, public access and securing the permanent protection of the working forestlands.

In addition, it creates protected cores around the natural areas most important to conservation and recreation, such as river corridors or headwaters. And, to manage the land for economic value and sustainable timber flow, it includes a timber investor.

We believe such a public-private collaboration is in the best interest of Michigan citizens, who believe the protection of U.P. land, water, wildlife and other natural resources is paramount, along with thriving timber and tourism industries.

The sale of this Upper Peninsula land represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to preserve the U.P. way of life. The collaborative approach announced last week is the best way to make sure future generations are able to enjoy the U.P.'s abundant natural resources.

John Engler is the governor of Michigan. Helen Taylor is director of the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

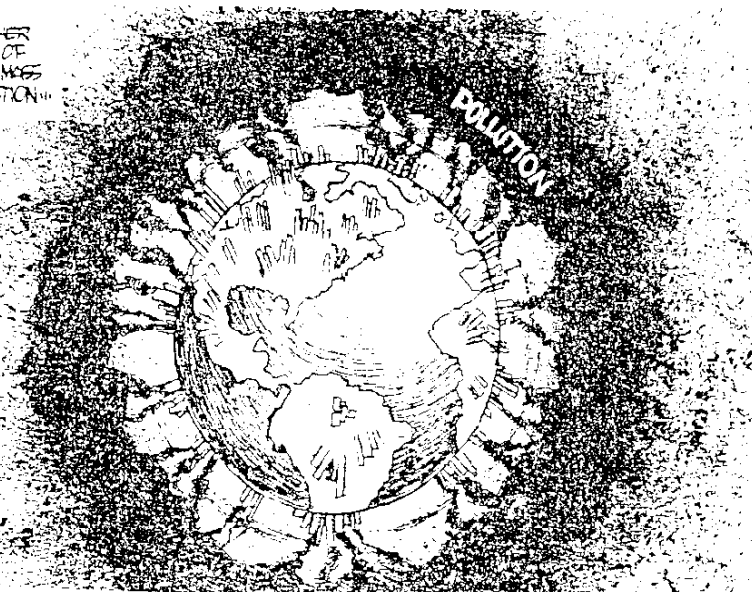
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The challenge we face is to keep this land that stretches across 10 Michigan counties open to the public and future generations, while retaining the working forests.

Together, the state and the Nature Conservancy have formed an initiative that will protect private forestland and keep the land open to the public forever. This type of collaborative approach already has proven successful in New York and New Hampshire, where a mix of private and public funding

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Certificate of Special Tribute

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a special privilege to honor John D. Voelker and recognize the 10th Anniversary of the John D. Voelker Foundation and the 40th Anniversary of the filming of the Academy Award nominated movie, Anatomy of a Murder.

The John D. Voelker Foundation was founded in 1989 by John D. Voelker, Richard F. VanderVeen, III, President, Frederick M. Baker, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer. The hardworking Board Members include: Vice President James F. Graves, Anthony Gagliardi, Grace Voelker Wood, John Frey, Nick Lyons, John Voelker Overturf, Adam J. Tsaloff, John W. Cumiskey, George Hyde, and Walter Abbott. The Foundation's 10th anniversary will be celebrated by members and many friends on June 19, 1999 at the historical Marquette County Courthouse at Marquette, Michigan.

In keeping with John's wishes, the John D. Voelker Foundation Native American Scholarship Program was established to assist Native American students to pursue a legal education. Its fund was established through contributions from members of the Foundation who subscribed to a limited edition of either Laughing Whitefish or Trout Madness signed by John D. Voelker (pen name: Robert Traver). Voelker scholars include: George Hyde, Michelle Groendecr, Brian Vigue, Allie Schleeter, Dumius Fisher, and JoAnn Miller.

Another initiative of the John D. Voelker Foundation is the Robert Traver Fly Fishing Fiction Award founded by Board Members, John Frey and Nick Lyons, for short fiction which expresses a love of fly fishing and the natural world in which it takes place. The works of award winners—Pete Fromm, E. Donnell Thomas, Harry Humes, Gary Whitehead, and Seth Norman—were illustrated and published nationally in the publication, Fly Rod & Reel.

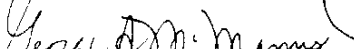
Although John lived his life as most of us wish we could—on his own terms—his endeavors and successes were not without the loving support of his wife, Grace Taylor Voelker, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Julie, and Grace. His colorful life as a renowned novelist, outdoor writer, self-proclaimed U.P. Cribbage Champ, skilled fly fisherman, and author of 11 books and numerous stories, including Anatomy of a Murder, merits our praise. The Anatomy of a Murder film, which took place at Marquette, Michigan 40 years ago, was produced by Otto Preminger and included an original musical score performed at Marquette on location by Duke Ellington. Its cast members included Jimmy Stewart, Lee Remick, George C. Scott, Eve Arden, Joe Welch, Arthur O'Connell, Kathy Grant and Ben Gazzara.

In addition, having been appointed by former Governor G. Mennen Williams, John D. Voelker served with distinction as a Michigan Supreme Court Justice wherein he authored over 100 sixty crugia and often humorous opinions. Surely, in his many roles as a layman and professional, he has touched the lives of people of all ages.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to honor John D. Voelker and recognize the 10th Anniversary of the John D. Voelker Foundation and the 40th Anniversary of the filming of the Academy Award nominated movie, Anatomy of a Murder.


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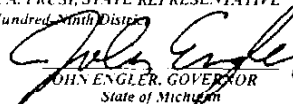
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